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Memorandum

TO:

Director, Reference Information Center Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

United States Telecom Association, Qwest Communications International Inc., and Verizon Telephone Companies v. FCC & USA, No. 04-1320. Filing of a Petition for Review in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

DATE:

September 24, 2004

This is to advise you that, on September 23, 2004, the United States Telecom Association, Qwest Communications International Inc., and Verizon Telephone Companies filed a joint Petition for Review in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 402(a), of the following order: *Unbundled Access to Network Elements, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338, FCC 04-179 (rel. Aug. 20, 2004).

Petitioners challenge the FCC's interim rules governing the unbundling of switching, dedicated transport, and high-capacity loops.

The Court has docketed this case as No. 04-1320. The attorney assigned to handle the litigation of this case is James M. Carr.